

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT **DISTRICT OF OREGON**

INTERNET CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS IN CM/ECF Pay.gov

Introduction

The Pay.gov Internet credit card payment module in CM/ECF allows Registered Users¹ to:

- Pay filing fees by credit card over the Internet
- Review Internet credit card transaction history

Pleadings that require a filing fee include notices of appeal and pro hac vice applications. Refer to the Schedule of Fees available at http://ord.uscourts.gov/attorneys/information-for-attorneys for current fee amounts.

System Availability and Requirements

The following cards are accepted: VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS, and DISCOVER. Debit cards from the above-mentioned providers that do not require a Personal Identification Number ("PIN") code will also be accepted.

Pay.gov is available 24 hours a day except on Sundays from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. Eastern Time.

The Pay.gov web site is best viewed at 1024 x 768 resolution using Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher.

Internet Credit Card Payment Process

CM/ECF events that require a fee will prompt the filer to indicate whether the fee has been prepaid, is to be paid during the event transaction, or has been waived, or whether the filer is exempt from paying the fee.

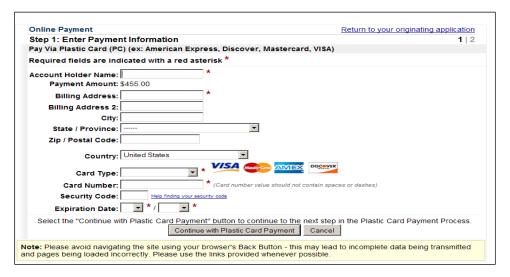
Indicate below whether the filing fee has been paid or if you are not required to pay the filing fee. If you are not subject to exemption or waiver and the filing fee has not been paid, you will be prompted to pay using pay. gov.			
 ○ I have already paid the filing fee. ○ I have not yet paid the filing fee and would like to proceed using pay gov. ○ I have in forma pauperis status and the filing fee is waived. ○ I am an Assistant U.S. Attorney and exempt from paying the filing fee. 			
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Filers who have prepaid the fee with the Clerk's Office will be able to bypass the Pay.gov module by selecting the radio button indicating that they have already paid the filing fee and inserting the receipt number for that payment when prompted. Filers on behalf of the United States and, where applicable, counsel for litigants proceeding in forma pauperis will also be able to bypass the Pay.gov module by selecting the appropriate, corresponding radio button.

¹ Registered Users are attorneys admitted to practice in this Court pursuant to <u>LR 83-1</u> and registered with the CM/ECF system pursuant to LR 83-1(e), and pro se litigants who have been granted permission by a judicial officer to electronically file documents pursuant to LR 100-4(c).

All other filers are required to pay the filing fee during the event transaction and will be presented with a screen that requires the cardholder name, address, and credit card information. The cardholder name, first address line, and zip code fields will, by default, display the values shown in the user's CM/ECF User Account. The payment amount field will be populated with the current fee.

In the following example of the Online Payment, Step 1 screen, the payment amount displays a \$455 Notice of Appeal filing fee:



NOTES:

- Fields marked with an asterisk are required fields.
- The "Billing Address" is a required field that is pre-populated from the filer's CM/ECF User Account address information. This address can be changed by the filer and does not have to correspond with the credit card billing address. Changing the billing address does not change the address in the filer's CM/ECF user account.
- Do not use hyphens or spaces in the Card Number field when inserting payment information.
- Click the "Continue with Plastic Card Payment" button to move to the next Online Payment, Step 2 screen:



• Carefully review the payment information. If changes are needed, click the <u>Edit this information</u> link.

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- Complete the "E-mail Confirmation Receipt" fields to receive a Pay.gov confirmation message via e-mail.
- Select the "I authorize a charge to my card account for the above amount in accordance with my card issuer agreement" check box in the "Authorization and Disclosure" section to confirm the payment.
- Click the "Submit Payment" button to complete the payment process and finish the CM/ECF filing.
- The filing fee will be forwarded directly to the U.S. Treasury. The receipt number (referred to as the "Agency Tracking ID" on the e-mail confirmation) will be included in the docket text on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF).

WARNING!

Pressing the "Submit Payment" button more than once from the Online Payment, Step 2 screen will result in multiple transactions being processed.

Receiving a Transaction Receipt

To receive a transaction receipt for reconciliation with a credit card statement, filers must enter a correct and valid e-mail address in the "E-mail Confirmation" section on the "Authorize Payment" screen. This e-mail receipt (example below) displays Agency Tracking ID numbers that are needed to identify the transaction should a problem arise.

Payment History Reports

Fees paid through the Pay.gov module may be reviewed by the user by clicking on "Utilities" on the CM/ECF main blue tool bar and then selecting the "Internet Payment History" option from the menu. The user will be able to select the payments made for a specified date range as shown in the image below:



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Payment Errors and Cancellation

Unsuccessful payments:

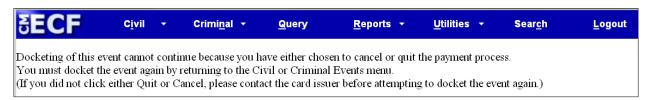
An error screen will appear if the processing of a payment is unsuccessful. Reasons for which the filer would receive an error message include:

- Missing Required Address or Credit Card Information
- **Insufficient Funds**
- Account Closed or Frozen
- Invalid Credit Card Number
- Failure to indicate acceptance of the Authorization and Disclosure agreement by not selecting the designated checkbox.

Filers will be given multiple opportunities within the transaction to insert valid payment information.

Canceling a transaction:

Clicking the "Cancel" button or the "Return to your originating application link" that appear on both the Online Payment, Step 1, and Online Payment, Step 2, pages will end the payment process and the event will not be docketed. If either of these options are selected, a display message will confirm that the payment process has been canceled and the event will not be completed.



Refunds:

The court has adopted a procedure (See Standing Order 2011-9) to refund erroneous or duplicate fee payments made online.

Users seeking a refund must file a written Request for Refund of Fees Paid Electronically in CM/ECF (sample document attached). The request must be in pleading form and include the name, address, and telephone number of the party requesting the refund.

Supporting documentation that includes a copy of the electronic payment receipt and a copy of the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) from the system transaction in CM/ECF during which the erroneous or duplicative payment was made must be attached to the refund request.

Upon receipt of the request and verification of the error, the U.S. District Court Finance Department will process the refund to the same credit card from which the erroneous payment was made and will record notice of such in the associated case docket in CM/ECF. Refunds will not be issued by check.

Sanction for Repeated Requests for Refunds:

In the event an attorney or law firm consistently errs when submitting fees, thereby causing repeated requests for refunds, the court may consider remedial action including an order to show cause as to why that attorney or law firm should not be barred from making future payments electronically.

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Pro Hac Vice Applications

Out-of-state attorneys who are not registered to electronically file documents may:

- Direct local counsel to electronically file their application to appear *pro hac vice* and pay the requisite fee, or
- File their application to appear *pro hac vice* in paper form accompanied with the requisite fee.

Out-of-state attorneys who are already Registered Users are required to electronically file future *pro hac vice* applications and pay the requisite filing fee through CM/ECF and the Pay.gov module.

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DIVISION

	Plaintiff,	
v.		Case No:
	Defendant.	REQUEST FOR REFUND OF FEES PAID ELECTRONICALLY
Т	The following request for refund is made pursuant	to this Court's procedures for refunding duplicate or
erroneou	asly paid filing fees that have been generated during	g the electronic filing of documents.
Т	The reason for and amount of the refund request ar	e as follows: (Insert reason and amount requested.)
Α	Attached hereto is supporting documentation include	ding a copy of the electronic payment receipt and a
copy of t	the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) from the sys	tem transaction in CM/ECF during which the
payment	was made.	
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